

Town of Chatham

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Governor's Order Closes Selectmen's March 16, 2020 Meeting to the Public

Due to the Governor's Order limiting gatherings to fewer than 25 people, the number of individuals whose attendance is required in order to conduct the Town's business, and the need for social distancing in a limited space, the decision has been made to forgo the public's physical access to tonight's Board of Selectmen's meeting. The meeting will be broadcast live on Channel 18 and live streamed on the Town's webpage. It will be replayed in regular programming and available on demand.

Presentation on the Council on Aging feasibility study and cost estimates for 1610 Main Street will take place as scheduled. Members of the public can email questions and comments on the presentation to igoldsmith@chatham-ma.gov and as many as possible will be read and answered throughout the presentation. The Board will continue to receive questions or comments via phone, email and US Mail through Sunday, March 22, 2020 at 9 p.m.

Additionally, the Board will open the public hearing on the application for an annual wine & malt only alcoholic beverages license for Hangar B restaurant and will have the opportunity to question the applicant: however, the hearing will be continued to March 23, 2020 to allow the public to submit comments via email to snealy@chatham-ma.gov or through US Mail for consideration before the Board votes on the application.

It is expected the Board will take action on all other agenda items in preparation for Annual Town Meeting in May.

While this action is counter to the Town's practice of accepting public comment on most items on the Board's agenda, it is the most prudent action to take to protect those who need to be in attendance and our community at large.